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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Acting Deputy Director (Administration)  
Assistant Director for Personnel

SUBJECT: Nominations for Security Hearing Boards

1. I have been informed that the Director, at a Deputies' meeting, stated that the number of CIA employees designated to the Civil Service Commission to serve on Security Hearing Boards under Executive Order 10450 should be doubled. The matter has officially been passed to the Assistant Director for Personnel.

2. The Agency, following the issuance of Executive Order 10450, nominated 4 employees to serve on Security Hearing Boards. Following this designation the Civil Service Commission, by Departmental Circular No. 708, dated 2 October 1953, requested that agencies nominate one employee for at least each 1,000 employees on the rolls. In response to this request, we submitted the names of 2 additional employees with a statement that, because of security considerations, our nominations do not constitute a ratio of one nomination to each 1,000 employees as suggested in the circular.



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4. I am advised that our nominees have received only two requests for service on Security Hearing Boards within the past 60 days. Accordingly, the burden does not appear to be unusually heavy.

5. The Assistant Director for Personnel advises that the Civil Service Commission has informally expressed serious doubt that it could approve a procedure whereby the Agency would have a central point of contact, thus eliminating the need for listing our personnel on the published roster.

6. In view of the above, it is strongly recommended that, for security reasons, we not increase the number of our nominations to

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the Civil Service Commission, inasmuch as to do so would cause considerable speculation as to the size of the Agency by many persons having access to the published roster, and the requests upon our personnel to serve is not excessive.



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Director of Security

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